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PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas,

Tuesday, January 9, 1923.

In accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, the members-elect of the House of Representatives of the Thirty-eighth Legislature assembled this day in the Hall of the House of Representatives in the City of Austin; and at 12 o'clock meridian, Hon. S. L. Staples, Secretary of State, called the Honorable House to order.

Rev. George Green, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Austin, by invitation of the Honorable Secretary of State, invoked the blessings of Almighty God upon the assembling of the Thirty-eighth Legislature.

TEMPORARY ORGANIZATION.

For the purpose of temporary organization the Honorable Secretary appointed the following temporary officers:

Chief Clerk—Carl Phinney.

Reading Clerk—O. P. Basford.

Journal Clerk—J. L. Robinson.

Sergeant-at-Arms—Joe W. White.

Doorkeeper—W. M. Dickinson.

Pages—Claud C. Dorsey, Fred Hargis, Cecil Wieland, Jack Faulkner, Fred Barnhart, Homer Thornberry, Arnold Lawber, Steven Brougher.

Porters—Ed Hornsby, J. Broun, J. E. Johnson, Sherman White.

ROLL OF COUNTIES CALLED.

The Honorable Secretary then directed the temporary Clerk to call the roll of counties of the State in alphabetical order.

As the roll of counties was called the members-elect who were present answered to the names of the counties of their residence as follows:

District No. 1—J. A. Dodd, Nash, Texas.

District No. 2—Wright Patman, Linden, Texas.

District No. 3—P. G. Henderson, Jefferson, Texas.

District No. 4—J. M. Perdue, Gilmer, Texas.

District No. 5—V. D. Fugler, Marshall, Texas.

District No. 6—Carey M. Abney, Marshall, Texas.

District No. 7—W. S. Crawford, Beckville, Texas.

District No. 8—G. B. Sanford, Timpson, Texas.

District No. 9—Eugene H. Blount, Nacogdoches, Texas.

District No. 10—A. L. Pinkston, Tenaha, Texas.

District No. 11—E. D. Downs, San Augustine, Texas.

District No. 12—J. W. Laird, Lufkin, Texas.

District No. 13—L. C. Stewart, Kirbyville, Texas.

District No. 14—W. C. Morgan, Hull, Texas.

District No. 15—O. L. Baker, Orange, Texas.

District No. 16—B. E. Quinn, Beaumont, Texas (Place No. 1); J. O. Merriman, Port Neches, Texas (Place No. 2).

District No. 17—A. R. Shearer, Bellevue, Texas.

District No. 18—Leo C. Brady, Galveston, Texas.

District No. 19—F. W. Turner, Houston, Texas (Place No. 1); J. E. Winfree, Houston, Texas (Place No. 2); Virgil E. Arnold, Houston, Texas (Place No. 3); James P. Rogers, Houston, Texas (Place No. 4); Frank H. Cowen, Houston, Texas (Place No. 5).

District No. 20—John C. Amsler, Hempstead, Texas.

District No. 21—W. C. Carpenter, Bay City, Texas.

District No. 22—H. W. Wells, Edna, Texas.

District No. 23—C. H. Thompson, Hallettsville, Texas.

District No. 24—Wm. Lusk, Brenham, Texas.

District No. 25—Jos. V. Frnka, Columbus, Texas.

District No. 26—Lee J. Rountree, Bryan, Texas.

District No. 27—W. H. Driggers, Willis, Texas.

District No. 28—Forace B. Russell, Groveton, Texas.

District No. 20—W. T. McDonald, Huntsville, Texas.

District No. 30—Chas. C. Rice, Crockett, Texas.

District No. 31—J. P. Lane, Gallatin, Texas.

District No. 32—T. J. McBride, Swann, Texas.

District No. 33—Gordon Simpson, Tyler, Texas.

District No. 34—J. N. Davis, Quitman, Texas.

District No. 35—Lloyd E. Price, Daingerfield, Texas.

District No. 36—Tom A. DeBerry, Bogata, Texas.

District No. 37—J. W. Stell, Paris, Texas.

District No. 38—W. B. Strickland, Paris, Texas.

District No. 39—Clifton E. Beasley, Sulphur Springs, Texas.

District No. 40—Joe M. Moore, Greenville, Texas.

District No. 41—E. B. Barrett, Leonard, Texas.

District No. 42—C. E. Dinkle, Greenville, Texas.

District No. 43—J. F. Harrington, Plano, Texas.

District No. 44—G. A. Atkinson, Sherman, Texas (Place No. 1); J. R. Westbrook, Denison, Texas (Place No. 2).

District No. 45—C. A. Barker, Sherman, Texas.

District No. 46—R. M. Duffey, Marysville, Texas.

District No. 47—R. L. Cable, St. Jo, Texas.

District No. 48—Roy C. Coffee, Paradise, Texas.

District No. 49—W. C. Edwards, Denton, Texas.

District No. 50—Lewis T. Carpenter, Dallas, Texas (Place No. 1); Nathaniel Jacks, Dallas, Texas (Place No. 2); Mrs. Edith E. Wilmans, Dallas, Texas (Place No. 3); T. K. Irwin, Dallas, Texas (Place No. 4); Geo. C. Purl, Dallas, Texas (Place No. 5).

District No. 51—T. G. Collins, Dallas, Texas.

District No. 52—J. R. Hardin, Kaufman, Texas.

District No. 53—O. L. Pate, Wills Point, Texas.

District No. 54—Julian P. Greer, Poyner, Texas.

District No. 55—R. E. Seagler, Palestine, Texas.

District No. 56—Roger F. Robinson, Jewett, Texas.

District No. 57—J. F. Wallace, Teague, Texas.

District No. 58—J. T. Stroder, Frost, Texas.

District No. 60—W. S. Fields, Hillsboro, Texas.

District No. 61—DeWitt Lamb, Mexia, Texas.

District No. 62—A. C. Dunn, Rosebud, Texas.

District No. 63—Cecil A. Morgan, Bremond, Texas.

District No. 64—Isaac Looney, Ben Arnold, Texas.

District No. 65—O. D. Baker, Gause, Texas.

District No. 66—J. H. Wessels, La-Grange, Texas, R. F. D. No. 5.

District No. 67—J. C. Wilson, Gonzales, Texas.

District No. 68—Sam C. Lackey, Cuero, Texas.

District No. 69—Lloyd Stiernberg, Port Lavaca, Texas.

District No. 70—H. S. Bonham, Beeville, Texas.

District No. 71—W. E. Pope, Corpus Christi, Texas.

District No. 72—A. L. Lewis, Harlingen, Texas.

District No. 73—W. R. Montgomery, Edinburg, Texas.

District No. 74—E. D. Dunlap, Kingsville, Texas.

District No. 75—Robert L. Bobbitt, Laredo, Texas.

District No. 76—Frank H. Burmeister, Christine, Texas.

District No. 77—A. J. Durham, Sabin, Texas.

District No. 78—W. A. Williamson, San Antonio, Texas (Place No. 1); D. S. Davenport, San Antonio, Texas (Place No. 2); H. B. Dielmann, San Antonio, Texas (Place No. 3); E. Guy LeStourgeon, San Antonio, Texas (Place No. 4); T. P. Hull, San Antonio, Texas (Place No. 5).

District No. 79—S. V. Houston, Floresville, Texas.

District No. 80—Glenn D. Vaughan, Seguin, Texas.

District No. 81—A. J. McKean, Prairie Lea, Texas (Place No. 1); L. L. Carter, Buda, Texas (Place No. 2).

District No. 82—Robert B. Thrasher, Austin, Texas (Place No. 1); John T. Smith, Austin, Texas (Place No. 2).

District No. 83—Claud D. Teer, Granger, Texas.

District No. 84—H. E. Faubion, Marble Falls, Texas.

District No. 85—S. E. Johnson, Johnson City, Texas.

District No. 86—B. J. Stewart, Barksdale, Texas.

District No. 87—Walter F. Jones, Del Rio, Texas.

District No. 88—W. W. Stewart, Balmerhea, Texas.

District No. 89—Adrian Pool, El Paso, Texas (Place No. 1); R. B. Stevens, El Paso, Texas (Place No. 2).

District No. 90—J. E. Quaid, El Paso, Texas.

District No. 91—W. J. Carson, San Angelo, Texas.

District No. 92—Claude E. Carter, Robert Lee, Texas.

District No. 93—James Finlay, Fife, Texas.

District No. 94—H. E. Bell, Gatesville, Texas.

District No. 95—I. W. Culp, Temple, Texas.

District No. 96—John A. Hughes, Waco, Texas.

District No. 97—R. L. Henderson, Waco, Texas (Place No. 1); Tom Shires, Waco, Texas (Place No. 2).

District No. 98—J. L. Bird, Walnut Springs, Texas.

District No. 99—S. J. Howeth, Cleburne, Texas.

District No. 100—R. E. Sparkman, Italy, Texas (Place No. 1); Homer Hendricks, Waxahachie, Texas (Place No. 2).

District No. 101—Frank Potter, Fort Worth, Texas (Place No. 1); H. S. McNatt, Fort Worth, Texas (Place No. 2); O. L. Sweet, Fort Worth, Texas (Place No. 3); Geo. C. Kemble, Fort Worth, Texas (Place No. 4).

District No. 103—Eugene Miller, Garner, Texas.

District No. 104—R. L. McDaniel, Gap, Texas.

District No. 105—Carl Hardin, Stephenville, Texas.

District No. 106—B. W. Patterson, Cisco, Texas.

District No. 107—B. L. Russell, Baird, Texas.

District No. 108—H. R. Maxwell, Wayland, Texas.

District No. 109—W. D. McFarlane, Graham, Texas.

District No. 110—R. Loftin, Henrietta, Texas.

District No. 111—E. H. Gipson, Wichita Falls, Texas (Place No. 1); J. D. Avis, Wichita Falls, Texas (Place No. 2).

District No. 112—Cecil Storey, Vernon, Texas.

District No. 113—C. L. Martin, Seymour, Texas.

District No. 114—E. L. Covey, Goree, Texas.

District No. 115—C. H. Rowland, Anson, Texas.

District No. 116—W. P. Green, Abilene, Texas.

District No. 117—R. M. Chitwood, Sweetwater, Texas.

District No. 118—J. A. Merritt, Snyder, Texas.

District No. 119—R. A. Baldwin, Slaton, Texas.

District No. 120—Burke W. Mathes, Plainview, Texas.

District No. 121—S. A. Bryant, Memphis, Texas.

District No. 122—Dewey Young, Wellington, Texas.

District No. 123—Lee Satterwhite, Panhandle, Texas.

District No. 124—J. L. Jennings, Canadian, Texas.

District No. 125—Henry Sackett, Coleman, Texas.

District No. 126—J. M. Melson, Sulphur Springs, Texas.

District No. 127—D. R. LeMaster, McDade, Texas.

The State of Texas.

I, S. L. Staples, Secretary of State of the State of Texas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct list of the Representatives whose election has been certified to this Department in accordance with the law, as having been elected on November the seventh, A. D. 1922.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name officially, and caused the seal of State to be hereon impressed at the city of Austin, Texas, this the 9th day of January, A. D. 1923.

(Seal)

S. L. STAPLES,
Secretary of State.

ROLL OF MEMBERS IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER.

The Honorable Secretary directed the Clerk to call the roll of the members-elect in alphabetical order.

The roll was called and the following members-elect answered to their names:

Abney.	Harrington.
Amsler.	Henderson
Arnold.	of Marion.
Atkinson.	Henderson
Avis.	of McLennan.
Baker of Milam.	Hendricks.
Baker of Orange.	Houston.
Baldwin.	Howeth.
Barker.	Hughes.
Barrett.	Hull.
Beasley.	Irwin.
Bell.	Jacks.
Bird.	Jennings.
Blount.	Johnson.
Bobbitt.	Jones.
Bonham.	Kemble.
Brady.	Lackey.
Bryant.	Laird.
Burmeister.	Lamb.
Cable.	Lane.
Carpenter	LeMaster.
of Dallas.	LeSturgeon.
Carpenter	Lewis.
of Matagorda.	Loftin.
Carson.	Looney.
Carter of Coke.	Lusk.
Carter of Hays.	McBride.
Chitwood.	McDaniel.
Coffee.	McDonald.
Collins.	McFarlane.
Covey.	McKean.
Cowen.	McNatt.
Crawford.	Martin.
Culp.	Mathes.
Davenport.	Maxwell.
Davis.	Melson.
DeBerry.	Merriman.
Dielmann.	Merritt.
Dinkle.	Miller.
Dodd.	Montgomery.
Downs.	Moore.
Driggers.	Morgan
Duffey.	of Liberty.
Dunlap.	Morgan
Dunn.	of Robertson.
Durham.	Pate.
Edwards.	Patman.
Faubion.	Patterson.
Fields.	Perdue.
Finlay.	Pinkston.
Frnka.	Pool.
Fugler.	Pope.
Gipson.	Potter.
Green.	Price.
Greer.	Purl.
Hardin of Erath.	Quaid.
Hardin	Quinn.
of Kaufman.	Rice.

Robinson.	Stewart of Reeves.
Rogers.	Stiernberg.
Rountree.	Storey.
Rowland.	Strickland.
Russell	Stroder.
of Callahan.	Sweet.
Russell of Trinity.	Teer.
Sackett.	Thompson.
Sanford.	Thrasher.
Satterwhite.	Turner.
Seagler.	Vaughan.
Shearer.	Wallace.
Shires.	Wells.
Simpson.	Westbrook.
Smith.	Wessels.
Sparkman.	Williamson.
Stell.	Wilmons.
Stevens.	Wilson.
Stewart	Winfree.
of Edwards.	Young.
Stewart of Jasper.	

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED.

Carl Phinney, temporary Chief Clerk of the House, under the order and direction of the Honorable Secretary of State, then administered the oath of office to the Representatives-elect, all of them present rising together and repeating the following oath prescribed by the Constitution, as he read it to them:

"I,, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as a member of the House of Representatives of the Thirty-eighth Legislature according to the best of my skill and ability, agreeable to the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State, and I do further solemnly swear (or affirm) that since the adoption of the Constitution of this State, I, being a citizen of this State, have not fought a duel with deadly weapons, within this State or out of it, nor have I sent or accepted a challenge to fight a duel with deadly weapons, nor have I acted as second in carrying a challenge, or aided, advised or assisted any person thus offending. And I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not, directly or indirectly, paid, offered or promised to pay, contributed nor promised to contribute, any money or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected. So help me God."

ELECTION OF SPEAKER.

The Honorable Secretary of State announced that the next business in order

is the election of a Speaker of the House of Representatives, and announced that nominations for Speaker of the House are now in order.

Hon. Mrs. Edith E. Wilmans of Dallas county nominated Hon. Lewis T. Carpenter of Dallas county for Speaker.

Hon. Lee J. Rountree of Brazos county nominated Hon. R. E. Seagler of Anderson county.

Hon. William Lusk of Washington county seconded the nomination of Hon. Lewis T. Carpenter.

Hon. O. L. Pate of Van Zandt county seconded the nomination of Hon. R. E. Seagler.

Hon. R. E. Sparkman of Ellis county seconded the nomination of Hon. Lewis T. Carpenter.

Hon. J. E. Quaid of El Paso county seconded the nomination of Hon. R. E. Seagler.

Hon. J. M. Perdue of Upshur county seconded the nomination of Hon. Lewis T. Carpenter.

Hon. B. W. Patterson of Eastland county seconded the nomination of Hon. R. E. Seagler.

Hon. Geo. C. Purl of Dallas county seconded the nomination of Hon. Lewis T. Carpenter.

Hon. J. T. Stroder of Navarro county seconded the nomination of Hon. Lewis T. Carpenter.

Hon. Lee Satterwhite of Carson county seconded the nomination of Hon. R. E. Seagler.

Mr. Teer moved that nominations for Speaker be now closed and that the House proceed to the election of a Speaker.

The motion prevailed.

Mr. Bell offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Reading Clerk call the roll, and as each member's name is called he shall walk to the Clerk's desk and place his vote for Speaker in a hat.

Resolved further, That the Secretary of State shall appoint seven tellers, who shall count the votes.

Resolved further, That the candidate for Speaker receiving a majority of the votes of the members present shall be declared elected Speaker.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

In accordance with the above action, the Honorable Secretary of State announced the appointment of the following tellers to count the votes:

Messrs. Moore, Culp, Collins, Jacks, Bell, Hull and Faubion.

The Honorable Secretary directed the Clerk to call the roll and requested each member as his name is called to come forward and deposit his vote.

The votes being taken and counted by the tellers, the result was announced as follows:

Hon. Lewis T. Carpenter received 19 votes.

Hon. R. E. Seagler received 127 votes.

The Honorable Secretary then declared Hon. R. E. Seagler duly elected to be Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Thirty-eighth Legislature.

Hon. Lewis T. Carpenter moved that unanimous vote of the House be cast for Hon. R. E. Seagler for Speaker.

The motion prevailed unanimously.

The Honorable Secretary then appointed the following committee to escort the Speaker-elect to the Speaker's stand:

Messrs. Gipson, Lusk, Abney, Potter and Jones.

The committee having performed their duty, the honorable Secretary of State administered the constitutional oath of office to the Speaker-elect.

The honorable Secretary then introduced Speaker Seagler.

RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Quaid, the House, at 2:50 o'clock p. m., took recess until 4 o'clock p. m. today.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met at 4 o'clock p. m. and was called to order by Speaker Seagler.

ADOPTING TEMPORARY RULES.

Mr. Edwards offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the rules of the House of the Thirty-seventh Legislature be observed in the proceedings of the House until the adoption of the permanent rules by the House of the Thirty-eighth Legislature.

Resolved, That the Speaker appoint a temporary Committee on Rules, to consist of five members.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

SELECTION OF SEATS.

Mr. Faubion offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the members now pro-

ceed to the selection of seats in the following manner:

The lady member be given first choice; all members blind or deaf, all members partially blind or deaf, and all members over sixty years of age, shall be permitted to select their seats before the general drawing, and the names of the remaining members be placed in a hat, and as his name is called by the Chief Clerk, each member shall go forward and select his seat.

Be it further resolved, That those members absent may have their seats selected for them by members from the same county or adjoining district.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

The provisions of the resolution were carried out, each member coming forward and selecting his seat as his name was called.

COMPLETING ORGANIZATION.

Mr. Quaid offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the House of Representatives now proceed to complete its organization, by the election of the following officers, in the order named:

First. One Chief Clerk, at \$7.50 per day.

Second. One Sergeant-at-Arms, at \$7.50 per day.

Third. One Reading Clerk, at \$7.50 per day.

Fourth. One Assistant Reading Clerk, at \$6.00 per day.

Fifth. One Journal Clerk, at \$7.50 per day.

Sixth. One Calendar Clerk, at \$7.50 per day.

Seventh. One Enrolling Clerk, at \$7.50 per day.

Eighth. One Engrossing Clerk, at \$7.50 per day.

Ninth. One Doorkeeper, at \$5.00 per day.

Tenth. One Assistant Doorkeeper, at \$5.00 per day.

Eleventh. One Chaplain, at \$5.00 per day.

Resolved further, That in voting for officers of the House, where the result shows no candidate has received a majority of all votes cast, that we proceed with the voting by dropping the name of the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes, until one candidate shall receive a majority of all votes cast.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

PROVIDING FOR PRINTING HOUSE JOURNALS.

Mr. Rountree offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, That six hundred (600) copies of the House Journal of each day be printed; one hundred to be delivered to the Senate, two copies to be placed on the desk of each member of the House each day, three copies to be delivered to the head of each State department, seventy-five copies to the State Library, and the remainder to be left with the Sergeant-at-Arms for distribution under the direction of the Speaker.

Signed—Rountree, Beasley.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

ELECTION OF CHIEF CLERK.

The Speaker announced that nominations for Chief Clerk of the House are now in order.

Hon. J. E. Winfree of Harris county nominated Carl Phinney of Brown county for Chief Clerk.

Hon. Roy C. Coffee of Wise county seconded the nomination of Carl Phinney.

Mr. Bonham moved that nominations for Chief Clerk be now closed.

The motion prevailed.

Mr. Cable moved that the temporary Reading Clerk be instructed to cast the vote of the House for Carl Phinney for Chief Clerk.

The motion prevailed, and Carl Phinney was declared duly elected Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

ELECTION OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.

Hon. C. E. Beasley of Hopkins nominated Joe White for Sergeant-at-Arms.

Hon. A. L. Lewis of Cameron county nominated W. T. Vann of Cameron county.

Hon. E. G. LeSturgeon of Bexar county seconded the nomination of Joe White.

Hon. W. R. Montgomery of Hidalgo county seconded the nomination of W. T. Vann.

Hon. J. P. Rogers of Harris county seconded the nomination of Joe White.

Mr. Stewart of Jasper moved that nominations for Sergeant-at-Arms be closed.

The motion prevailed.

The Speaker announced the appoint-

ment of the following tellers for the election of officers:

To take up the votes: Messrs. Dunlap, Henderson of Marion, Blount and Rountree.

To count the votes: Messrs. Bonham, Cowen, Kemble and Teer.

The votes being taken up and counted, resulted as follows:

Joe White received 100 votes; W. T. Vann received 42 votes.

Joe White having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives.

TEMPORARY COMMITTEE ON RULES.

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following temporary Committee on Rules:

Messrs. Satterwhite, Chairman; Bell, Vice-Chairman; Burmeister, Gipson, Henderson of McLennan.

TO LIMIT NOMINATING SPEECHES.

Mr. Cable moved that all nominating speeches be limited to three minutes.

The motion prevailed.

RELATING TO ILLNESS OF MEMBERS.

Mr. Shires offered the following resolution:

Whereas, We learn with profound regret and sorrow of the serious illness of our former member, the Hon. Newt B. Williams of Waco, and the serious illness of our member, the Hon. John M. Adams of Fort Worth; therefore, be it

Resolved, That when the House adjourns this afternoon that it be out of sympathy and love for these fellows and co-workers of ours, and that the Chief Clerk be instructed to wire a copy of this resolution to Mr. Williams and Mr. Adams.

Signed—Shires, Jennings, Chitwood, Rountree, Satterwhite, Lackey, Hughes, Quaid, Patman, Stewart of Jasper, Cable, Edwards, Barrett, Downs, Stevens.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

ELECTION OF READING CLERK.

The Speaker announced that the next business in order is the election of Reading Clerk.

Hon. Sam C. Lackey of DeWitt county nominated O. P. Basford of Travis county.

Hon. A. L. Pinkston of Shelby county seconded the nomination of O. P. Basford.

Hon. O. L. Sweet of Tarrant county nominated N. A. Gordon.

Hon. R. A. Baldwin of Lubbock county seconded the nomination of N. A. Gordon.

Mr. Carter moved that nominations for Reading Clerk be closed.

The motion prevailed.

Mr. Satterwhite moved that all candidates for Reading Clerk and Assistant Reading Clerk be required to read a section from the State Constitution and call the roll of the House.

The motion prevailed.

The Speaker appointed the same tellers acting as before to take up and count the votes for Reading Clerk.

The votes being taken up and counted resulted as follows:

O. P. Basford received 109 votes.

N. A. Gordon received 31 votes.

O. P. Basford having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared duly elected Reading Clerk of the House.

On motion of Mr. Sweet, the election of O. P. Basford as Reading Clerk was made unanimous.

ELECTION OF ASSISTANT READING CLERK.

Hon. J. A. Dodd of Bowie county nominated Polk Hornaday of Bowie county for Assistant Reading Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Mr. McFarlane moved that nominations for Assistant Reading Clerk be closed.

The motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. McFarlane all nominating speeches were limited to one minute.

Mr. Culp moved that the Chief Clerk of the House be instructed to cast the vote of the House for Polk Hornaday for Assistant Reading Clerk.

The motion prevailed and Polk Hornaday was declared duly elected Assistant Reading Clerk of the House.

ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Barker moved that the House adjourn until 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Mr. Pope moved that the House adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

The motion of Mr. Pope prevailed, and the House accordingly, at 6:15 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.